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Enlargement of the membership of the Commission for Social Development: election of 14 members

1. By resolution 1996/7 of 22 July 1996, the Economic and Social Council decided that the membership of the Commission for Social Development should be increased from 32 to 46.

2. In the same resolution, the Council decided that the members of the Commission should be elected by the Council from among the States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies according to the following pattern:

(a) Twelve members from African States;

(b) Ten members from Asian States;

(c) Five members from Eastern European States;

(d) Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Ten members from Western European and other States.

3. The Council will therefore elect the new members according to the following pattern:

(a) Four members from African States;

(b) Four members from Asian States;

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(c) One member from Eastern European States;

(d) Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Two members from Western European and other States.

4. In accordance with United Nations practice, upon completion of the membership, lots will be drawn to stagger the initial terms of office. Therefore, three members will serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996, three members will serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997, four members will serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998 and four members will serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.